

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 21-23 remain in this application. Claims 1-14 and 19 have been cancelled.

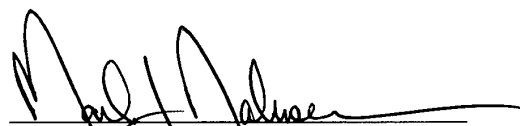
The examiner has acknowledged that claims 21-22 are directed to allowable subject matter and have been amended to overcome the outstanding 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections.

In the drawings, Fig. 6 has been amended to change the leftmost element number 36B to 36A. Figs. 15 and 16 have been amended to change element numbers 37A and 37B to 137A and 137B.

In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicants believe that claims 21-23 as currently amended are allowable under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 102 and 103. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections set forth in the Office Action of November 6, 2003 and allow these claims to pass onward to allowance.

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Annotated Sheet Sawing Charges

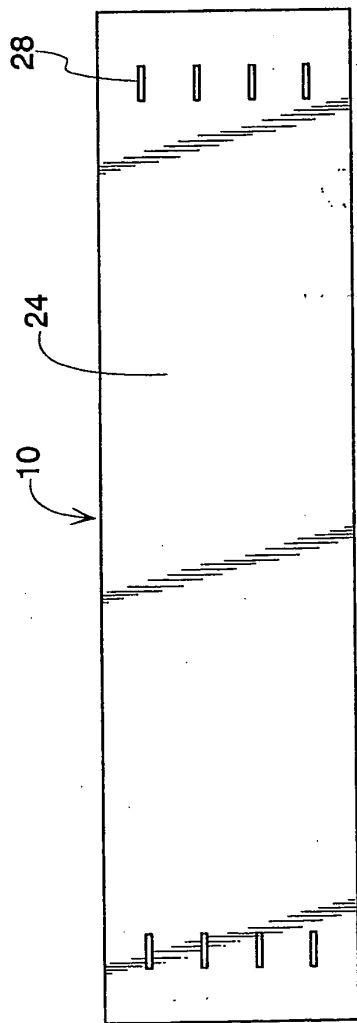


Fig. 5

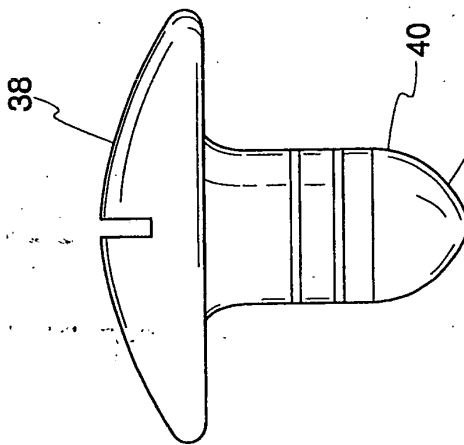


Fig. 7

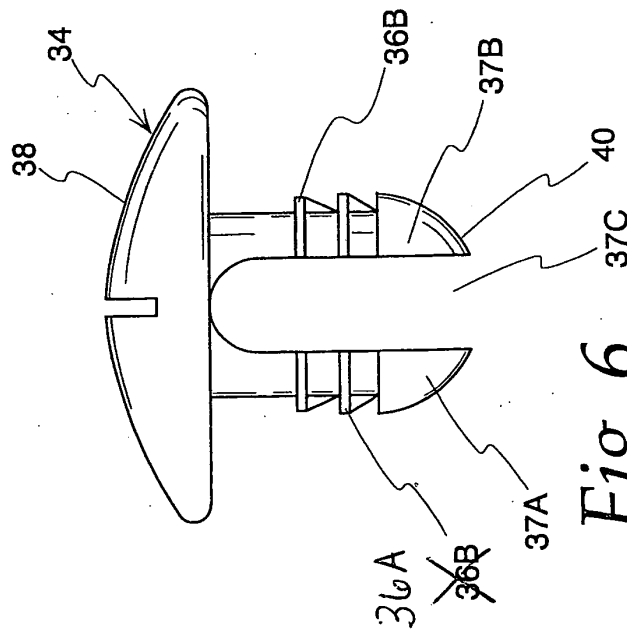


Fig. 6

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

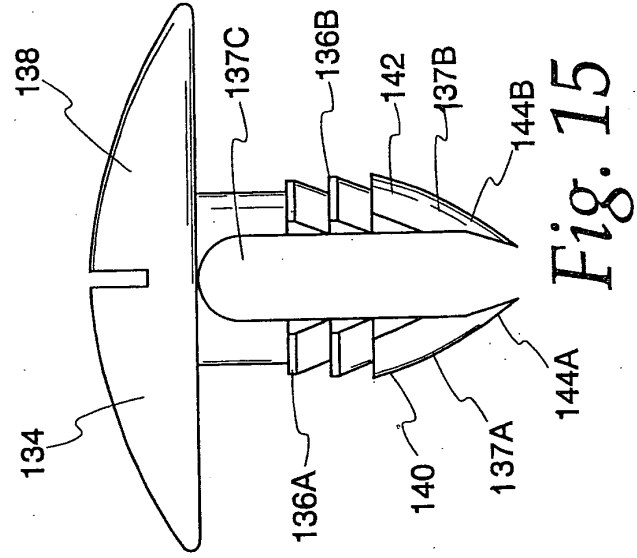
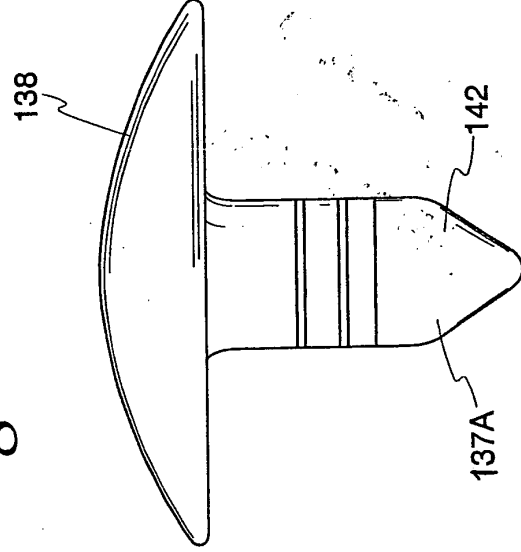
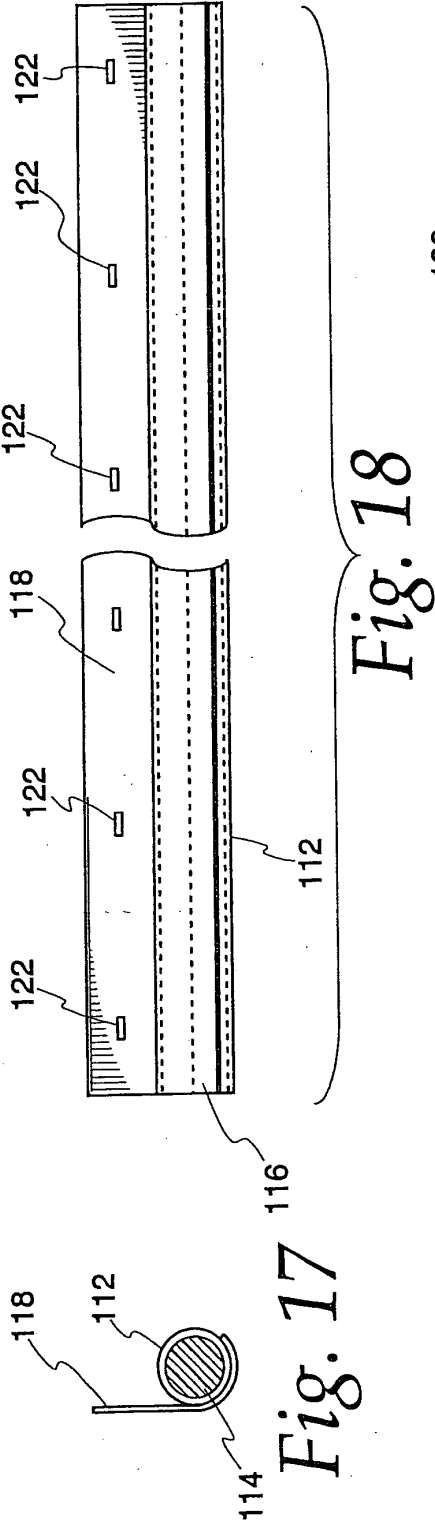


Fig. 16

Fig. 15